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SUBJECT: REPORTED OUSTER OF NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS FROM USSR
FOR SMUGGLING

REF: MOSCOW 16929

1. SEOUL PAPERS REPORT DECEMBER 8 THAT NEW DELHI ECONOMIC TIMES CARRIED STORY DECEMBER 4 DATED MOSCOW THAT "TEN MEMBERS OF THE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WERE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES AFTER IT WAS LEARNED THAT THEY HAD BEEN ENGAGING IN BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES." SAME STORY REPORTEDLY CARRIED BY BOMBAY ECONOMIC TIMES. BOTH PAPERS SAY THAT DPRK EMBASSY IN MOSCOW DID NOT DENY THAT A NUMBER OF DIPLOMATS HAD LEFT, BUT DENOUNCED EXPLANATION AS "SLANDER" AND "BOURGED WITH FALSIFICATION."

2. ROK MOFATDPIEF OF INFORMATION DIVISION II (DPRK) KIS CHAE-YONG (KIM JAE-YONG) SAID DECEMBER 8 THAT ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SENT MOFA A CABLE NOVEMBER 2 RECOUNTING A CONVERSATION WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICER WHEREIN ROKS WERE TOLD IN CONNECTION WITH SCANDANAVIAN SCANDAL DISCUSSIONS
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THAT FOUR OR FIVE DPRK DIPLOMATS HAD LEFT MOSCOW, AND THAT

WHILE USSR SOURCES SAID
NOTHING, THE DIPLOMATIC SPECULATION
IN MOSCOW WAS THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF SMUGGLING. (REFTEL).
KIM SAYS THAT HE DID NOTHING TO FOLLOW UP ON IT AS ROK
HAS NO MEANS TO DO SO.

3. KIMAWRS STATEMENT WOULD NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT
ROKG DECIDED TO FLOAT STORY IN NEW DELHI, ON BASIS
ACCOUNT OBTAINED IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ADDRESSES
MAY HAVE.
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